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R 160933Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY MANILA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5848  
INFO SECDEF WASHDC  
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CINCPAC HONOLULU HI  
CINCPACREPPH SUBIC BAY RP  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 08067

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MILI, RP  
SUBJECT: 20TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF MUTUAL DEFENSE  
- BOARD

REF: (A) MANILA 7486, (B) STATE 118113

1. TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF MUTUAL DEFENSE  
BOARD WAS HELD MAY 16. CINCPAC WAS IN ATTENDANCE;  
UNDERSECRETARY COLLANTES REPRESENTED FOREIGN SECRETARY  
ROMULO; CHARGE TOUSSAINT REPRESENTED THE SECRETARY.

2. CHARGE OPENED BY READING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY  
(REF A AND B) AND THEN WENT ON TO DELIVER REMARKS  
STRESSING THE VALUE OF THE MUTUAL DEFENSE BOARD IN FOCUS-  
ING DAILY EFFORTS TO SERVE SHARED SECURITY OBJECTIVES.  
CHARGE EMPHASIZED CONTINUED US RESOLVE TO STAND BY ITS  
COMMITMENTS AND TO STAND BY THE INTERESTS IT SHARES WITH  
THE NATIONS OF THE REGION. THE CHARGE QUOTED PERTINENT  
PASSAGES FROM VICE PRESIDENT'S HONOLULU SPEECH TO BUTTRESS  
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THESE POINTS.  
3. COLLANTES' REMARKS WERE GENERALLY ANODYNE AND CLEARLY  
A CUT ABOVE THE SOUR AND PEEVISH STATEMENTS BY UNDER-  
SECRETARY INGLES THE PRECEDING TWO YEARS. COLLANTES  
FOCUSED ON THE NEED TO CONTINUALLY REASSESS US-RP  
SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS TO REFLECT THE EVOLVING GLOBAL  
ENVIRONMENT. THE ONLY SPECIFIC BARB IN A LITANY OF

FAMILIAR GENERALITIES ABOUT THE NEEDS OF PHILIPPINE SOVEREIGNTY INVOLVED CRIMINAL JURISDICTION. COLLANTES SAID "CRIMINAL OFFENSES COMMITTED BY US SERVICEMEN HAS BEEN A PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF IRRITANTS TO PHILIPPINE-US RELATIONS.... THIS MATTER HAS TO BE RESOLVED WITH DUE RESPECT TO THE ROLE OF THE PHILIPPINES AS A HOST COUNTRY, OR A SORE WILL BE LEFT TO RANKLE AND POISON THE SPIRIT OF PARTNERSHIP...." COLLANTES WOUND UP HIS REMARKS ON A POSITIVE NOTE, OBSERVING THAT THE VISIT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT BROUGHT FRESH IMPETUS TO THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT A NEW MOMENTUM HAS BEEN ACHIEVED WHICH WILL LEAD TO A NEW AGREEMENT AT AN EARLY DATE. TOUSSAINT

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